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For : CHARGED FINE PARTICULATE WATER, AND METHOD OF
CREATING ENVIRONMENT WHERE MIST OF THE CHARGED
FINE PARTICULATE WATER IS DISPERSED

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examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-170514, together with an English language machine translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 62-144744, together with an English language abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 53-141167, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-79714, together with an English language machine translation of the same;

Japanese Patent No. 3260150, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,337,693; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-14261, together with an English language machine translation of the same.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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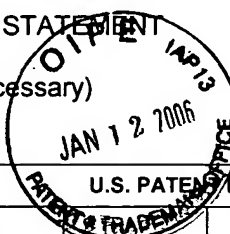
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